

Community report

Penrith (C)

Prepared from Community Explorer topic selections for briefing, planning and reporting use.

AREA

Penrith (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Sydney

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Qualifications

Sources and method

- Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021 and, where available, 2016 comparison data.
- Percentages are calculated from the denominator supplied for each topic. Change (pp) is the 2021 percentage minus the 2016 percentage when the topic is comparable across years.
- Usual residence topics describe where people usually live, rather than where they were counted on Census night.

Qualifications

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Key takeaway

In 2021, no qualification was the most common qualification level among residents aged 15 and over in Penrith (C), accounting for 41.8% (71,656 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (34.2%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in bachelor degree or higher, which increased by 8,940 people and 3.9 percentage points.

About this topic

Qualifications records the highest non-school qualification completed by people aged 15 years and over. It describes post-school educational attainment such as certificates, diplomas, and university degrees.

This topic is a key indicator of skill level and socio-economic opportunity within an area. It is most useful when read with employment status, occupation, and income, which show how qualifications relate to labour market outcomes.

Interpretation notes

- This topic uses highest completed non-school qualification, so incomplete study and current enrolment do not count as attained qualifications.

- It applies to people aged 15 years and over and should be read with schooling for the full education profile.

Highest qualification achieved

Penrith (C) – Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Bachelor Or Higher Degree	29,655	17.3%	33.3%	20,715	13.4%	28.3%	+8,940	+3.9
Advanced Diploma Or Diploma	15,202	8.9%	9.7%	13,002	8.4%	9.3%	+2,200	+0.5
Vocational	39,772	23.2%	14.8%	35,760	23.1%	15.1%	+4,012	+0.1
No Qualification	71,656	41.8%	34.2%	70,057	45.3%	37.7%	+1,599	-3.5
Not Stated	15,265	8.9%	8.0%	15,241	9.8%	9.6%	+24	-0.9
Total	171,550	100.0%	100.0%	154,775	100.0%	100.0%	+16,775	0.0

Data basis: usual residence.